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SCRIP DISAPPEARING

Clearing House Banks Anxious to Effect Its Retirement to Avoid Paying Tax.

Reports received from Los Angeles state that clearing house banks have a plan to hasten the retirement of the certificates and scrip issued as an emergency measure. The proposed plan is to give the banks two weeks' time to retire it, after which a tax of 8 per cent will be charged on all remaining in their hands.

Of the $1,800,000 clearing house certificates issued, one-third has been retired and not more than $100,000 of the first issue of scrip is still outstanding. The banks realize that the emergency currency has fulfilled its purpose and are anxious to retire it.

MUSICAL FEAST.

Seiling - Trowbridge Concert of More Than Ordinary Merit.

The recital given last Friday night by Herr Oskar B. Seiling, violinist, and Miss Carrie A. Trowbridge, pianist, proved to be one of the most delightful ever given in this city.

These artists appeared under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical club, and an appreciative audience greeted their appearance. Every number on the program was rendered with an artistic skill which places the performers in the front rank in their profession.

It is to be regretted that more of the music lovers of the city did not avail themselves of the opportunity to attend this recital, for, while there was a fair house, the merits of the performance would have justified a much more generous support. But those who were so fortunate as to attend appreciated the musical treat afforded.

Such recitals speak well for the musical club, under whose auspices this one was given. The club is doing good work, and should receive the hearty support of the people of the city in its efforts to bring the best musicians to Sierra Madre.

Friday night's program follows:

Piano, "Spinning Song," Wagner-Liszt
From Flying Dutchman.
Violin, Concerto, D minor, Vieuxtemps
Andante
Moderato
Adagio Religioso
Piano, Gondoliera, - - Liszt
Violin, Romance, - Wieniawski
Zigeunerweisen, - Sarasate
Piano, Waltz in E, - Moszkowski
Violin, Serenade, - - Schubert
Traumerei, - - Schumann
Berceuse, - - Godard

New Sierra Madre Booklet.

Now that the Album of Sierra Madre is about ready for the press, the committee desires that all subscriptions to the fund be handed in at the earliest convenience.

WANT 10-YEAR PLAN

Grand View Property Owners Desire Time to Pay for Street Work.

Considerable opposition seems to have developed among property owners along Grand View avenue to making street improvements on the so-called cash basis, as was thought advisable by the city trustees, owing to the enormous saving in cost which would be effected if the work were done under that plan, and the added fact that even under this method the payment would not have to be made for some six months to come.

Capt. J. A. Osgood, who is leading the opposition to the cash-payment plan, states that there is no disposition nor desire to postpone the street improvements, as all realize the great advantages which will result, but that the majority of the property owners on the avenue desire the long term of years in which to pay the assessments.

The only question at issue appears to be the method of payment, and this, it is said, will be taken up with the city trustees in the near future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTION

Plans Also Under Way for Quadra-Centennial Celebration.

At a meeting of the officers and of the Congregational Sunday school held Tuesday evening at Mrs Anderson's, the following officers were elected for 1908: Convers L. Twycross, assistant superintendent; Van Graham, secretary and treasurer; Adolphus Kershaw, librarian; Mrs. Frank Wright, superintendent of primary department; Miss Elsie Caskey, organist. Miss Lenore Morgan, Miss Elsie Caskey, Miss Mabelle Caley, Mr. Ross, musical committee.

Mrs. Wright was instructed to organize a cradle roll department.

As the year just closed marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sunday school, steps are being taken for a quadra-centennial celebration in the near future.

Officers of Ladies' Aid.

At the social meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church, held Tuesday afternoon last, Mesdames Poole and Mead acted as hostesses. The offieers elected for the coming year are: Miss Lottie M. Humphries, president; Mrs. Hattie Flint, vice-president; Mrs. R. H. Mackerras, secretary; Mrs. Chas. Gray, treasurer.

Bank Elects Board.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Sierra Madre, held at the bank, Jan. 14, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: H. G. Flint, Chas. S. Kersting, L. C. Torrance, N. H. Hosmer, A. D. Hawks, F. N. Hawks.

PLAN FOR LECTURES

Movement to Secure Mr. B. R. Baumgardt for Series of Lectures Here.

A movement has been inaugurated to secure Mr. B. R. Baumgardt for a series of four public lectures, to be given under the auspices of the woman's club. Mr. Baumgardt has recently returned from another of his annual tours for study and research in Europe and brings new material of unusual interest. In speaking of his lecture on Pompeii, given last week before the University Club of Los Angeles, a neighboring periodical says: "The lecture was thoroughly satisfying to the cultured audience he faced; and the verdict was that no speaker in the lecture field, now before the American public, is in the same class with Mr. Baumgardt. Not only his intimate acquaintance with the subject, but also his temperament and artistic sense combine to give charm and atmosphere to all his lectures, while lantern slides of the finest quality add to their attractiveness."

While in the East last fall, besides lecturing before most of the leading clubs and colleges, Mr. Baumgardt was appointed staff lecturer of the board of education of the city of New York.

Those who heard him here last spring unite in wishing to hear him again, and the ladies who have the matter in charge confidently look for a hearty cooperation in their efforts to bring good entertainment to Sierra Madre. It is intended to arrange the lectures of the series at convenient intervals; and the price will be so reasonable as to bring them within easy reach of everyone.

TO ENTERTAIN.

Board of Trade Committee Appointed to Look After Social Features.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade Monday night a committee was appointed, with Mr. W. E. Bechtelheimer as chairman, to look after the social features of the board. It was felt that something of this nature would be of great advantage to the board and would tend to inspire and maintain interest in it and its work.

Just what the first move will be has not yet been divulged by the genial chairman, but it will probably be in the nature of a banquet at one of the hotels or an entertainment in the Town hall. So much good may be accomplished by a wide-awake board of trade working in the interests of the city that all citizens who are interested in its advancement should affiliate with it and add their influence and efforts to promote the general good.

W. S. Andrews, Treasurer.

W. S. Andrews was elected treasurer of the board of trade to succeed George W. Gill, who has moved from the city.

TO DEDICATE STREET

Petitions City Trustees for Permission to Give Land for Public Use.

Capt. J. A. Osgood appeared before the city trustees at their last meeting on behalf of Mrs. Lockart, who desired to dedicate lot 39 of Pinney's Hotel tract to the city for street purposes. This lot has a frontage of forty-nine feet on Hotel street, and extends back to a tract owned by Mrs. Lockart which has no street frontage. The matter was referred to the streets and alleys committees.

The city engineer was directed to prepare a list of all sidewalks, gutters, curbs, etc., which are on the official line and grade, and report to the council that they might be adopted as official by the city.

Ordinance No. 47, creating a park commission and defining its duties, was passed, and Ordinance No. 48, declaring intention to improve a portion of Grand View avenue, was referred to committee.

Bills were allowed as follows: Edison Electric company, for street lights, $45; C. S. Kersting, rent of city hall three months, $75; W. F. Haas, salary as city attorney for December, $50; J. J. Graham, salary and expenses, $82.25.

The city clerk reported the sale of two city maps.

Gresham Memorial Service.

On last Sunday evening a service to the memory of the late Dr. A. E. Gresham was held at the Church of the Ascension, of which he was for over twelve years a most devoted and earnest member and communicant. For the larger part of that time he had charge of the music and presided at the organ.

Never neglecting his profession as a physician he was still able to engage in his duties which he assumed in his church life. And he stands before the people of his church as an example of what a man can do if he feels within him the call for a Christian service.

He lived a life of personal helpfulness. He was true to every duty which was justly imposed upon him. He gave willingly and with a marked devotion of his strength and skill and he endeared himself in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact because he was so simple and modest and yet so effective in his work. He was a true man—a Christian man—an indulgent and loving husband and father, and a gem in the setting of this community.

Dr. Gresham has passed on, but he has left an impression among us which shall go down to posterity as an influence for good. Truly we can say of him: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

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After Long Absence.

Jacob Funk, formerly a farmer, living near Skidmore, Mo., who mysteriously disappeared fourteen years ago and was never again heard of, returned to Skidmore yesterday and to-day came to Maryville and visited his sister, Mrs. D. S. Holmes, says the Globe-Democrat. Two years after he left Skidmore a skeleton was found near that town. The latter's father was sent for, and he identified the clothes as those of his son. The body was buried under the belief that it was Funk's. He left a wife. His wife secured a divorce on the grounds of desertion, and remarried. Funk gives no reason for his flight and refuses to tell of his previous residence.

M. Ular, a French gentleman of whom we never heard before, says the American woman is "a goose, a flirt and a hypocrite." Evidently monsieur was hard hit.

Postal Savings Banks.

That the Russian masses have faith in the stability of their government is suggested, at least, by the history of of postal savings banks there. These banks are of comparatively late origin, yet the annual increase in deposits has been $46,000,000, and the total sum on deposit in August was $686,500,000. Considering the industrial and business conditions in Russia for a few years past and the small currency circulation per capita in that country, this showing is quite remarkable. It is accounted for largely by the disturbed conditions, making it unsafe to hoard money in the homes, and the assurance that it is perfectly safe in the postal banks. One of the chief aids to the financial power of France is the facility with which tts people can invest their small savings with absolute security. In New Zealand one citizen in three of the entire population has a postal savings account, and the deposits are equivalent to $56 for each inhabitant of the country. If these proportions obtained in the United States the deposits in the postal banks would aggregate $4,600,000,000. And there would be no withdrawal of the funds by reason of a threatened panic; every depositor would know that there could be no safer place for his money than in a government bank.—Farm, Stock and Home, Minneapolis.

Country Newspaper Conditions.

The Herald doubts very much if the readers of country newspapers realize the great changes that have come over the publishing business in the past few years. Wages now must be paid at the end of each week, paper bills and rent accounts at the end of each month; prices on all kinds of machinery, paper and printers' supplies have advanced all the way from 50 cents on the dollar to 20 cents on the dollar; and yet through the cowardice, negligence or the general incompetence of puplishers, subscriptions are permitted to drag along in some cases unpaid for years—the price is kept at the same rate when the common things that enter into our everyday lives have in some cases doubled—in all cases they have greatly advanced. No reasonable man should blame the printer for exacting his dues promptly for his subscription and other accounts, and for other work when it is due.—Metropolis Herald.

Parlor Millinery.

The Misses Eleanor and Alice Tucker are prepared to receive orders for millinery work; also remodeling. The best class of work solicited. 15-16

A pleasant-looking Irishwoman walked into a store and asked the price of the collars she had seen displayed in the window. "Two for a quarter" said the clerk. How much would that be for one? "Thirteen cents." She poundered. Then with her forefinger she began counting and seemed to be making invisible calculations on the sleeve of her coat. "That" she said, "would make the other twelve cints, wouldn't it? Just give me thtt wan."

One day my sister asked Gretchen what had feathers. "Chickens and birds," she answered. "Do you know anything else that has feathers?" my sister asked. Gretchen thought a while and then said "Pillows, of cource."—Little Chronicle.

IOWA PICNIC.

Former Residents of Hawkeye State to Meet Feb. 22.

A letter signed by the president and secretary of the Iowa Association of Southern California, addressed to all former Iowans, has been received by the News, from which we quote the following:

"The Iowa Association of Southern California will hold its annual picnic on February 22d, 1908, at Eastlake park, Los Angeles, Cal. At this great convocation of resident and visiting Iowans the opportunity will be given, as in former years, to renew acquaintances and to promote the fraternal spirit in those who came from the grand old commonwealth of Iowa. You are earnestly requested to co-operate with the officials of the association in advertising this meeting which will be one of the best the association has ever held. Bring your baskets well filled and be generous in inviting late arrivals from Iowa to enjoy your hospitality. In your respective county headquarters, designated by cards, you will find a roster on which to record your name and address.

"At 2 o'clock sharp a program of short addresses and music will be given at the general headquarters, at which time will be read by one of the committee, the two prize essays on "Why I am Proud of Iowa." The first prize to be $10 and the second prize to be $5.00. These essays will be limited to 600 words or less, and must reach the office of the secretary by the 10th of February. A tent will be placed near headquarters where packages may be checked and left in safety.

"Should the weather be bad for a day or two preceding the 22d, or shall be inclement on the 22d, a postponment will be made of one week, to Saturday, February 29th.

"The annual business meeting will be held at headquarters at 2:30 in which all members of the association are requested to participate. We rely upon loyal and enthusiastic Iowans all over Southern California to keep this meeting before the public, and to co operate with the officers of the association in making this picnic the best and greatest yet held."

Recognized Her Son.

Ten years ago Alexander Stewart, a 15-year-old lad, was spirited away from his home in Illinois by a strange man, who compelled the boy to work for him for five years before giving him his liberty. Stewart's parents moved to Texas, where the father died.

The other day young Stewart, who has been working for a Chicago wholesale house, was passing through the city, and while buying a ticket was approached by a woman who asked his name. Upon replying that his name was Alexander Stewart, the woman threw her arms around the young man's neck and kissing him, said that she was his mother.

The mother, who had not seen her son for ten years, had recognized him by his family resemblance and a large seal ring with the letter S engraved upon it. The ring formerly belonged to the boy's father. The mother and son left for Denton, Texas, where they will hold a family reunion.

Alleged Machine Delegates.

Gov. Gillett, Gen. H. G. Otis of Los Angeles, National Committeeman Geo. A. Knight of San Francisco, and M. H. De Young of the San Francisco Chronicle, are said to be slated by the Herrin machine to represent it as delegates-at-large in the Republican national convention at Chicago. The state central committee will be summoned to meet to-morrow to fix the date and place for the state convention to select delegates. The state convention will probably be held in Santa Cruz in May.

4,000,000 Christmas Trees a Year.

In discussing the effect on the forests of the country by the use of Christmas trees, of which it is estimated that 4,000,000 are used each year, Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, says that the effect is infinitesimal compared with the destruction caused by forest fires and wasteful lumbering. If planted four feet apart these trees would be grown on less than 1,400 acres. He says that trees suitable for Christmas trees do not grow in the old fosests, where reproduction is most important but in the open, and there is no more reason for an outcry against using land to grow Christmas trees than to grow flowers. According to Mr. Pinchot the center of the Christmas tree industry lies in the big cities of the East. New York city and the New England states consume 1,500,000 trees, or nearly one-half of all the output. Maine, New Hampshire, the Berkshire Hills in Massachusetts, and the Adirondacks and Catskills, in New York, are the source of supply for New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and even for Baltimore and Washington. The swamps of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota furnish the markets of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Detroit, while the local demand throughout the central west is mainly supplied by nursery grown Norway spruce.

Only Grandpa.

A true story which is told about little Prince Edward of York, grandson of King Edward VII., shows the simple maner in which the royal children are trained by their parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A children's outfitter had called at York House with a suit of Prince Edward's to be tired on, and as she was waiting in the passage near the royal children's apartments the door suddenly opened and Prince Edward came runing out, crying: "Oh, do come in at once! Nobody is here."

She replied, "I think, your royal highness, that I had better wait, as it may not be convenient for me to go into the nursery now."

"Yes, you can," said the child. "There's nobody here that matters; only grandpapa".—Junior C. E. World.

An Ax-idental Loss

"Jimsby would have had that fat appointment of his yet if he hadn't lost his head."

"What did he do?"

"Nothing."

"Then how did he loose his head?'

"The official ax cut it off."—Baltimore American.

After three years of continuous work, day and night, the Pennsylvania railroad's tunnels under Manhatten have been completed. The final blast was fired at five o'clock p. m. Saturday.

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Brief Items of Interest

Two inches of snow fell on Mount Wilson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones of San Jose are visiting at the home of J. J. Graham.

Mr. George Humphries is convalescent after a two weeks' struggle with la grippe.

Miss Lelia Morse of Madison, South Dakota, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. N. H. Hosmer.

Miss Trowbridge was the guest of Miss Pansy Newlin after the concert last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway of Los Angeles have taken one of the Wellington cottages on Grandin avenue.

The rainfall early Tuesday morning amounted to .90 of an inch, and during the night an additional .09 fell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patten of Los Angeles have rented from Mr. S. R. G. Twycross, a cottage on Suffolk avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ordway of Los Angeles were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamilton of Auburn avenue on Sunday.

The board of health had a meeting Wednesday night at which recommendations were framed for presentation to the trustees.

Mr. M. C. Doucet, for seven years principal of a school in Nova Scotia, has taken one of the Wellington tenthouses for the winter.

J. A. Miller, secretary of the Long Beach chamber of commerce, with his family, took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Vale.

Mrs. Luftin and daughter of Los Angeles, who spent last winter in Sierra Madre have taken Mrs. Frank Wright's cottage on Hotel street.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Bentham received on Wednesday afternoon and a large number of guests availed themselves of their hospitality.

Miss Hazel Hill of Grandin avenue, went to Los Angeles yesterday to attend the Adela Verne recital in company with Miss Trowbridge.

Mrs. W. T. Gregory has returned to her home in this city after an extended Eastern trip. Later in the week she visited her parents at Denney.

The parliamentary class entertained at luncheon Saturday, Jan. 11th at Oakwood ranch, Mesdames Stevens, Gondge, Perry, Johnson; Misses Alice Stevens, Mildred Gondge, Sarah Winslow.

Mr. L. Dietz has sold a house on Ramona avenue, known as the Abbott place, to Mr. A. E. Kribs, a lumberman from the northern part of the state, who will make his home in this city. The sale was made through the agency of Mr. Twycross.

Miss Keys has been quite ill with the grippe.

Pasadena will have a dog show on Feb. 14 and 15.

Mr. Somerville is erecting a cottage on Suffolk, near Baldwin avenue.

Howard Hill of Grandin avenue was at Santa Ana Monday on business.

Thirteen boys of the Long Beach Y. M. C. A. made the ascent of Mount Wilson Saturday.

F. R. Smith of Wilden street spent a few days at Long Beach last week, returning Saturday.

H. W. Jackson and family of Long Beach are occupying the Kennedy house for the winter.

Mrs. May Gresham was the guest of Mrs. Laura H. Stevenson at the Woman's club Monday afternoon.

R. R. Evarts, of Long Beach was in the city yesterday, looking after his interests in Sierra Madre.

Mrs. L. S. Whitmoyer of Pacific Beach is visiting her sisters, Mrs. J. J. Graham and Mrs. R. G. Emerson in this city.

The News appreciates the kindness of those who notify us of social and personal items. Its columns are always open for this class of news.

Convers Twycross returned the early part of the week from Beaumont, where he has been engaged with a surveying party for several weeks.

Mrs. B. F. Maskey and sons, Ralph and Frank of Los Andges, and Miss Isabel Oswald of Pasadena, were guests G. H. Price and family over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chamberlain and Miss Pauline Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Chamberlain, have returned to the city and are occupying their home on Bonita avenue.

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church annex.

At the annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church the following officers were elected: Convers Twycross, president; Hazel Rice, vice - president; Lenore Morgan, secretary and treasurer.

Doctors W. Jarvis Barlow, Norman Bridge, F. N. Pollinger and Stanley P. Black of Los Angeles have been appointed on the committee for California of the international congress on tuberculosis, which is to meet in Washington in September.

The News has been requested to give publicity to the suggestion that ladies of Sierra Madre send their "at home" days to this paper for publication. We will gladly give the desired list in next week's paper if the information is furnished.

The city trustees held a special meeting last night to receive and consider the delinquent city tax list. The time for the payment of city taxes had been extended to Jan. 2, on account of the holidays, and according to law the tax collector was obliged to make his return last night. The amount delinquent is about $600.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Musical club will be held at the home of Miss A. B. Climie, on Monday, Jan. 20, 1908 at 2:30 p. m. The subject will be the "History of the Oratorio," and the reading will be interspersed with songs by the well known tenor, Mr. Roland Paul of Los Angeles. Each member may bring one guest.

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Mrs. Marianne Torresres, California's oldest daughter, is dead at her home in Alameda. She was born at the San Francisco Presidio in 1826.

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That there are serious questions to be settled between the United States government and Japan, there can be no question. But that they will be settled by diplomatic means is almost equally certain. Whether the relations existing between this country and Japan are primarily responsible for the cruise of the American battleships to the Pacific, the trip will result in much practical benefit to the navy through the experience gained by the men, and would well repay the expense in the event of a war with any power. But, so far as our relations with Japan is concerned, we believe it will the make for peace rather than war. So, also, will the arming and equipment of the naval stations on this coast. It is always the part of wisdom to be prepared for any emergency, and preparation is one of the greatest guarantees of immunity from attack. Every possible vantage point on this coast should be fortified, as well as Hawaii and our other posessions. But the present feeling between the countries will only be intensified and the difficulties in the way of an adjustment of the questions in dispute increased, by the war talk of alarmists, such as the recent speech of Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court, before the Army and Navy league in Washington. The Roosevelt administration has the matter in hand and may be relied upon to look out for the interests of this country.

Another terrible fire and panic occurred this week, this time in Boyertown, Pa., where a church entertainment was in progress in the opera house of that little city. Of the 400 people supposed to have been in the audience, mostly women and children, from 175 to 200 met a terrible death in the mad scramble for the exits.

Such horrors should serve as a warning to every community to see to it that every precaution is taken to guard against fire in all public playhouses, hotels and places of public gathering, and that no audience be permitted to assemble in any building until the most approved means of egress have been provided and precautions taken to safeguard the lives of patrons in the event of fire, or panic from whatever cause.

Sierra Madre is fortunate in never having had a great disaster, and we are apt to become careless of the public safety. But such heartrending scenes as were witnessed at Boyerton, the horrors of which no tongue can tell, should bring the question home to this as well as to every other community. Are all our public buildings equipped with necessary exits and fire escapes? This is a question which may well be asked, and conditions investigated. The city should have a building inspector, whose duty it would be, among other things, to see that all present and future public buildings in this city are so arranged as to afford the maximum degree of safety.

New School Books.

County Supt. of Schools Keppel has received a communication from the state superintendent's office, saying that the new speller is ready for distribution. Books one and two of the writing series also are out, and editions three, four and five will be ready Feb. 15. These books are part of the series adopted by the state board of education more than a year ago and should have been ready for the schools more than six months ago.

The Road to Success.

"If there is one enterprise on earth that a 'quitter' should leave severely alone, it is advertising," says John Wanamaker in Newspaperdom. "To make a success of advertising, one must be prepared to stick to it like a barnacle on a boat's bottom. He should know before he begins it that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody should tell him, also, that he cannot hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game. Advertising doesn't jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, and year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power. It is likened to a team pulling a heavy load. A thousand spasmodic, jerky pulls will kot budge the load, while one-half the power exerted in steady effort will start and keep it moving. There are three ways to make advertising pay, and these are the only ways. There are no others. First, is to keep at it; second, is to keep at it; third, is to keep at it."

Sweet Potato Culture.

Sweet potatoes may be grown on nearly any good upland soil, but warm sandy lands, if fertile, produce the most. A good quality of gravelly ridge land is very suitable. Do not select wet bottom lands. Unless the land is already in first-class condition, it may be improved by working in well rotted manure. To every acre of this add about 640 pounds of acid phosphate, 260 pounds of nitrate of soda and two pounds of sulphate of potash, well mixed before you apply. On some lands dried blood and cotton-seed meal are preferred to nitrate of soda. Don't fail to get in at least some potash.—California Cultivator.

THE BRAVEST BATTLE.

The bravest battle that ever was fought,
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not;
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

No marshalling troops, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave;
But, oh, these battles they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridee of stars
She fights in her walled-up town—
Fights on and in the endless wars,
Then silent, unseen—goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise,
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Were fought in these silent ways.

O, spotless woman in a world of shame!
With a splendid and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came
The kingliest warrior born!—Ex.

Big Lemon Crop.

"Conditions are favorable for an immense crop of lemons, next summer," said B. A. Woodford, manager of the California Fruit Growers' exchange. "The dry weather may be a temporary disadvantage, but present climatic conditions mean great things for the lemon men later on."

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

P. Campo and B. Legarda, delegates from the Filipino assembly have arrived at Honolulu on the steamer Mongolia, en route to Washington.

The fifty-fifth anniverary of the founding of the San Francisco Young Men's Christian association was observed yesterday by 1,000 members.

A brief wireless dispatch was received in Paris at the Eiffel tower station from the warship Kieber at Casa Blanca, a distance of 1,900 kilometers. This is the first time a message has been sent so long a distance under similar conditions.

An ocean race to Honolulu, between the ship Port George, the barkentine Irmgard, the bark Gerard C. Tobey and the ship Erskine M. Phelps began Monday from San Francisco. Before sailing the masters of the several vessels made wagers on the race.

Deprived of reason by a blow on the head, found wandering the streets mumbling bits of verse, but unable to tell his name, a man who is believed to be G. D. Ackley, a composer of popular songs, was taken to a hospital in San Francisco, where he died a few hours later.

TIME TABLES

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Leave Los Angeles		Leave Sierra Madre	
	12:05 p.m.	6:10 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
6:05 a.m.	1:05 "	7:00 "	1:10 "
6:25* "	1:25* "	7:42* "	2:10 "
7:00 "	2:05 "	8:10 "	2:42* "
7:25 "	3:05 "	8:42 "	3:10 "
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11:05 "	8:05 "		7:00 "
	11:30 "		10:00 "

*Combination express and passenger service.

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Santa Anita Station

Arrive from Los Angeles and Leave for East:

8:14 a.m. Overland	5:12 p.m. Local
9:11 a.m. Local	8:44 p.m. Overland
10:38 a.m. Limited	

Arrive from East and Leave for Los Angeles:

6:19 a.m. Overland	4:56 p.m. Local
7:34 a.m. Overland	5:12 p.m. Limited
9:11 a.m. Local	

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The Ladies' Aid Society holds its business meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, at 3 p. m. Afternoon socials on the second and fourth Tuesdays, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 3 p. m.

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ON BUSINESS BASIS.

Dawson of Iowa Would Make Change in Management.

A navy reorganization bill, designed to put the navy "on a business basis, both as a weapon and an industry," was introduced in the house recently by Mr. Dawson of Iowa, member of the house committee on naval affairs. The bill, which is said to be in a measure the result of last summer's investigation of navy methods by seven members of the committee, divides the navy into two grand sections and places its contral partially in the hands of civilians. It was referred to the committee on naval affairs. The bill divides the navy into a division of personnel and a division of material, the former to be administered under the secretary of the navy by a first assistant secretary who shall be a naval officer not below the rank of captain; the latter by a second assistant secretary, who shall be a civilian. The division of the personnel would include all matters relating to the officers and men of the navy and of the use of the navy as a weapon, and this division is to be subdivided into a bureau of navigation, a bureau of medicine and surgery, and the officers of the judge advocate general of the navy. The chief of the bureau of navigation is to be appointed from the line officers, and each navy yard and naval station is to be in charge of a civilian. The division of material would include a bureau of ship construction, a bureau of ordinance and a bureau of supplies and accounts.

The Attitude of Japan.

At bottom the Japanese attitude is affirmed to be that Japanese shall be treated as all other civilized peoples are; that they shall have the right to come here and to Canada, and be naturalized and become citizens of the respective countries; that, in short, so far as any political regulations are concerned, there shall be no oriental question, but that Japanese shall be treated here in all ways as Europeans are. And undoubtedly that is the real question. It concerns England as much as it does this country, and there is opportunity for a deal of fine diplomatic work in settling it. The illustration at Lethbridge the other day showed what the people of Canada feel on the question, as the riots at Vancouver showed. Fortunately we have Elihu B. Root in the state department. But the question to be faced is one of vast importance. China settled it by acquiescing in our demands. But China was incapable of effective resistance, but they are now in a position different from that of any oriental people. It is said that the Japanese foreign office has addressed to this country a memorandum on the subject of immigration which may possibly contain suggestions of a moderation, but the whole tenor of the advices is one of peace and good will, the outgiving being that 1908 will be brighter for both countries. It should be and easily can be so. "Unsettled questions have no mercy for the peace of nations." The United States and Japan, always friends, should never be anything else. The world is big enough for both.—Indianapolis News.

By way of change, the president is not only for state rights, but for state duties in Nevada.

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Saratoga Chips, fresh from our own bake shop, per lb.....	30c
Hoffman House Coffee, none better, per lb.....	35c
Good Coffee, per lb.....	20c
German Breakfast Cheese, each, 7c; four for.....	25c
New crop Mackerel, each.....	15c
FRESH STAWBERRIES	
Lemons, per dozen, 10c and.....	15c
Use our fresh baked Bread, Pies Cakes, Etc. They are good.	
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Colonel Bryan is perpetually serene; he knows that a man on a donkey can't be unhorsed.—Philadephia Press.

Governor Fort is being talked of for the vice-presidency. That ought to make Cannon the logical candidate for president.—Washington Post.

Marine Artist Reuterdahl's attack on the navy in the January McClure's is posted in the department as a magazine explosion without fatalities.—New York World.

The absurdity of the South's position regarding the negro was illustrated in Atlanta the other day when Professor Du Bois, a colored man, was refused admittance to the public library to borrow his "Souls of the Black Folk," which he had contributed to the library at the request of the library officials themselves.—Kennebec Journal.

The Frisco Atrocity.

It is quite evident that the "moral wave" which swept over San Francisco at the recent election did not affect the judges of the appellate state court. The action of that court recalls the declaration of Prosecutor Heney and others, at the beginning of their war on the corruptionists, that the local judiciary itself was so demoralized that they considered themselves extremely fortunate in finding "a single honest judge"—Dunne—before whom they could bring their cases with any liklihood of obtaining justice: that all the others were in league with the grafters.

The appellate court has verified that declaration as fitting the higher as well as the lower bench of San Francisco. It furnishes the spectacle of a court declaring that exortion and bribery are "no crimes," that a public official may use his position to frighten or force unwilling men to pay him large fees as a consideration for being permitted to do business, or to be "let alone." The doing of the deed is not denied by these pretenders of judicial lore. Schmitz could be a hundred times convicted, yet in their view remain a white robed saint!

The judicial habit of exalting finespun legal abstractions above substantial justice would seem to have reached its climax in this San Francisco decision. Fortunately it does not release Schmitz, as intended; at least not immediately. For there is yet the suprame court of California to be appealed to, and the majority of the judges there, being from other parts of the state, have not probably had their minds poisoned by the influences which made San Francisco so long a paradise for knaves of all sorts.—Pioneer Press.

Car black diamond coal received during the past week. Prompt deliveries. Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co. Home Black 50; Sunset, Main 8611.

Sage of Nininger Indorsed.

The late Ignatius Donnelly, who reveled in the mysterious, the dynamic and the cyclopean, would have rejoiced at the suggestion by Prof. George P. Merrill of the United States National museum that the Canyon Diabolo in Arizona was formed by the collision of the earth with a star. Here would be corroboration for notions which the author of "Ragnarok" and "The Lost Atlantis" put forward in the guise of fiction, but which in conversation he always jealously defended as fact. The Canyon Diablo is a craterlike depression 600 feet deep and nearly three-quarters of a mile across. There are seeming evidences that it was caused by a force operating from above and not issuing from the bowels of the earth. Hundreds of feet of limestone and sandstrone have been crushed, some of the sandstone showing traces of igneous metamorphosis, while the underlying sandstone is entirely unchanged. Professor Merrill therefore attributes the formation of the depression to the impact of a vast meteoric mass. Such a cataclysm as would be consequent upon the impact of a meteor three-quarters of a mile in diameter with a force sufficient to bury itself 600 feet in the ground would be enough to change the axis of the earth and cause the planet to veer from its orbit—which no doubt it did, if the collision that Professor Merrill imagines ever took place.—Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

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1907	Inches
October	2.99
November	0.00
December 7	.47
" " 10	.23
" " 28	.29
" " 30	Trace
January 14	.99
Total	4.97

The Big Bend power plant of the Great Western Power company at Marysville, Cal., the plans for which have been perfected, will be the largest in the world, that at Niagara Falls being second.

Another car oat hay just unloaded. Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co. Phones. Black 50; Main 8611.

"I feel that President Roosevelt owes a retraction or apology to the officers of the Western Federation of Miners," said President Charles H. Moyer, at Spokane. "While it is probable the president was grossly misled, it was very strange for a man in his position to make such comments, calling us 'undesirable citizens.' "

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MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED TO RENT—A piano. Apply Miss Shea, Hermosa avenue. tf

Home Phones Installed This Week.

Red 49—Bridle, M. H.
Blue 39—Sierra Madre Dairy Co., Bradford, Prop.
Green 48—Churchill, H. C.
Black 29—Flint, H. G.
Red 49—Martin, Dr. J. H.
Black 48—Orchard Camp, McNally, J. B.
Green 36—Rice, Mrs. J.
Red 48—Wright, M. D.

NUMBERS CHANGED.

Black 49—Gilbert, J. A., Contractor and Builder.
Green 49—Packard, F. W., Painter.

Random Remarks

The Republicans of Indiana have launched a Fairbanks boom. Never mind. It's muffled.

There is a rumor that the price of eggs is coming down, but the author of the report was careful not to say when.

Another count of the Philippines shows 1,400 new ones. How would it do to quit counting the Philippines?

As a result of Blue Sunday in Gotham a great many husbands have become very well acquainted with their wives and children.

The shah of Persia has taken an oath to support the new constitution. It was either that or take the limited express for the frontier.

"Russia is in the market for a $93,000,000 loan, says the Mexican Herald. A lot of folks feel that way about the first day of January.

Andrew Carnegie insists that the world is growing better, and it must be a real pleasure to him, since he has been spending so much money on it.

A Hoboken prophet declares that we are in for a year of calamities. Don't laugh You might feel the same way about it if you had to live in Hoboken.

Under the heading "What Women Say," a New York paper prints three short paragraphs. Evidently the editor doesn't believe in printing all he hears.

It would be interesting to know whether Senator Foraker's slumbers these nights are disturbed by dreams of a large heavy person getting ready to fall on him.

Within the last three months twenty-one members of a woman-hating bachelors' club have been married. The rest of them may as well disband and seek safety in flight.

"Talk is so cheap that it doesn't cost the country a dollar," says the Atlanta Constitution. Who do you suppose pays the bills for printing the Congressional Record, neighbor?

During the Republican convention next June Mr. Taft will occupy "the president's suite" at the Auditorium hotel. A little later his friends hope he will fill the president's shoes.

The Toledo Blade wonders if Gov. Hughes will be smart enough to "say something at the right time." We think he can be depended to say "yes" when the Republican party proposes, all right.

Burglars who broke into a New York house took the trouble to apply the acid test to the silverware before carrying it away. In this age of dear goods one needs to be careful in every branch of industry.

The Chattanooga Times thinks there is a difference between the proposition to prohibit the liquor tariff and the proposition to prohibit pistol toting. So there is—the difference between getting shot and half shot.

Gov. Hughes' friends are proudly claiming that he is in the habit of doing one thing at a time. When he finds himself confronted by a dozen other booms next June, he may find that "doing" one at a time is slow work.

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Woman's Club.

"Chaucer and His Times."

At the regular meeting of the Sierra Madre Woman's club on Monday afternoon, Jan. 13th, Mrs. C. E. Bentham lectured on "Chaucer and His Times."

Chaucer's century, the fourteenth century, is one of prophecy—of prophecy of the supremacy of the people over the crown, finally completed in queen Anne's reign, since which time no English monarch has dared to refuse to sign an instrument sent by parliament; a prophecy of the great Puritan movement of the sixteenth century in Wycliffe's declaration that no priestly meditation is necessary between man and his God; a prophecy of the social ideal of our own century; of the brotherhood of man as declared in Langland's Piers Plowman; a prophecy of the modern commercial supremacy of Great Britain in Edward Third's alliance with Flanders, for the avowed purpose of the upbuilding of commerce and manufactures; a prophecy of supremacy of the English drama of the fifteenth century by Chaucer's development of the "Canterbury Tales."

These men, important in the development of English literature, were the product of this century—Langland, the last voice of the Anglo Saxon people, and the prophet of social reform, and Chaucer and Wycliffe, the "fathers of English literature."

"Piers Plowman" was the popular poem of the century, and so the war cry of the Peasant's Revolt. It is not literature, though it is full of material from which literature is made, but it lacks the selective and controlling power of art. Art knows no classes. This is the wail of the people, and as it shares their griefs it shares their fate; it is forgotten. It deals with the redistribution of labor, and sees in the glorification of labor, even to a divine position, the dawn of the brotherhood of man. It is the Pilgrim's Progress of the fourteenth century, and Langland is the Tolstoi of the age.

Wycliffe is Langland's successor in that, what Langland mourns, Wycliffe combats. "Wycliffe, "the father of English prose," made his great contribution to English literature in his quaint translation of the Bible, which, with Chrucer's "Canterbury Tales," served to crystalize the English language.

Chaucer, "the father of English poetry," is the true forerunner of Shakespeare, in that his greatest work, while not a drama, is at least an inimitable exposition and contains all of the elements of great dramatis. His choice of a pilgrimage, of the destination of a motley company of pilgrims, were strokes of dramatic genius, while his host, the inimitable progenitor of all future hosts, was an ideal dramatic unit. He paints his characters, and with unerring skill sticks on assailable weaknesses as well as distinctive features. His humor is delightful, his caricatures skillful, his love of nature charming, while as a story teller no one can surpass him. So eager is he to move swiftly and surely to his point that he often moves along too rapidly. He has been the inspiration of all succeeding centuries, and at no time has he been more thoroughly appreciated by poets and artists than at the present time. He is the first poet to harmonize the actions and the actor, the word and its speaker.

On Monday, Jan. 27, the club will enjoy an afternoon with "Border Ballads." Mrs. Ramsey will sing a group of old ballads, and after that, by way of contrast, will sing a number of modern ballads. Her songs will be preceded by a short talk on the "History and Development of the Ballad," and the old English May pole dance will be given by twelve girls under Mrs. Collins' direction.

ARMY FLYING MACHINES.

Curiosity Over War Department's Recent Advertisement.

A good deal of curiosity is aroused by the war department's advertisement for bids for heavier-than-air flying machines—an advertisement put forth in as matter of-fact a manner, remarks one paper, as if the request was for stoves or wagons. So exacting are the requirements, as published by the signal corps, that the papers wonder whether the government has made its offer merely to stimulate invention in the field of aerial navigation or whether it is thought that such a machine has already been invented and thus will be lured into the open, says a writer in the Literary Digest.

In connection with the latter suggestion many papers recall the fact that the Wright brothers of Dayton, Ohio, who have as yet given no public trial of their craft, claim to be able to meet all of the conditions laid down by the war department. If a successful bidder materializes, says the Baltimore American, he will receive $100,000 for his airship, and "the government will be in possession of an aerial war chariot that will put La Patrie to the blush."

The conditions which must be complied with are thus summarized in a Washington dispatch to the New York Times: "Before any bid will be accepted the general requirements laid down must be met by a satisfactory test at Fort Meyer, Va., before a government board of experts. . . . The specification couers the construction of a flying machine supported entirely by the dynamic reaction of the atmosphere and having no gas bag. It must be designed to carry two persons having a combined weight of about 350 pounds, also sufficient fuel for a flight of 125 miles.

"The standard of speed fixed by the department is forty miles per hour in still air, but bidders are required to submit quotations in their proposals for cost depending upon the speed attained during the trial flight. Ten per cent reduction in the price paid by the government for the machine will be made for each mile under forty an hour attained during the test, but if the speed is under thirty-six miles an hour the bid will be rejected. A similar increase in price will be made if the machine makes more than forty miles. For instance, forty per cent would be added to the price if forty-four miles an hour should be attained.

"The speed accomplished during the trial flight will be determined by taking an average of the time over a measured course of more than five miles against the wind. There is to be a flying start and the starting point at the beginning and end of the flight must be passed at full speed. . . . .

"In addition to the speed test required there must be an indurance test. A trial flight of at least one hour will be required, during which time the flying machine must remain in the air continuously without landing. It must return to the starting point and land without any damage that would prevent it immediately starting upon another flight. During this trial flight of one hour the machine must be steered in all directions without difficulty and at all times be under perfect control and equilibrium. . . . .

"The machine must be so designed as to ascend in any country which may be encountered in field service. The starting device must be simple and transportable. It should also land in a field without requiring a specially prepared spot and without damaging its structure.

"It should be provided with some device to permit of a safe descent in case of an accident to the propelling machinery.

"It should be sufficiently simple in construction and operation to permit an intelligent man to become proficient in its use within a reasonable length of time."

Such a machine as here described, remarks the New York Globe, "would record the solution of all the difficulties in the way of the heavier-than-air-ship, and, in fact, give mankind almost as complete control of the air as it now has of the land and water." Further:

"It would be worth to the world almost any number of millions of dollars, would certainly revolutionize warfare and possibly the transportation of passengers; would open to easy access regions hitherto inaccessible except to the most daring pioneers, and would, in short, be probably the most epoch-making invention in the history of civilization. If there is any possibility that such an air ship is within measurable distance of perfection, any government could well afford to provide its inventor with unlimited resources and promise him a prize, in case of success, running into the millions.

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